<u>Amendments to the Claims:</u>

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application. Please cancel claims 1-19 without prejudice or disclaimer so that the current status of all claims is as follows:

<u>Listing of Claims:</u>

1-19. (canceled)

20. (previously presented) A digital image processing system, comprising:

an input controller arranged to,

receive an input digital data stream,

determine whether or not the input digital data stream includes a first digital image,

determine whether or not the input digital data stream includes a digital image processing instruction,

output a second digital image, wherein a third digital image is output as said second digital image in response to the presence of said digital image processing instruction within said input digital data stream, and wherein said third digital image is stored in a file excluding said first digital image with said first digital image being linked, via said digital image processing instruction, to the third digital image file to facilitate output of the third digital image, and

output the digital image processing instruction when the input digital data stream includes the digital image processing instruction;

an image processor coupled to the input controller arranged to receive the second digital image when the input digital data stream includes the digital image processing instruction; and

a digital image processing instruction processor coupled to the input controller and the image processor arranged to,

direct the input controller to output the second digital image to the image processor when it is determined that the input digital data stream includes the digital image processing instruction, and

provide the digital image processing instruction to the image processor, wherein the image processor modifies the second digital image

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based upon the digital image processing instruction to form an output digital data stream.

21.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 20, wherein when the input digital data stream includes the first digital image and does not include the digital image processing instruction, then the first digital image is a reference digital image (digital negative).

22.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 20, wherein the digital image processing instruction is one of a plurality of digital image processing instructions.

23.   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 22, wherein the plurality of digital image processing instructions is included in an edit list.

24.   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 23, further comprising wherein when the digital image processing instruction is an edit list pointer that points to the edit list, the image processor directs the input controller to fetch the edit list based upon the edit list pointer.

25.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 20, wherein when the digital image processing instruction is a digital image pointer that points to a location of the third digital image, the image processor directs the input controller to fetch the third digital image based upon the pointed to location.

26.   (previously pressented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 20, wherein the digital image processing system is coupled to a host computer that is linked to a distributed network of computers.

27.   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 26, wherein the distributed network of computers is an HTTP protocol type network of computers.

28.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 26, wherein the input digital data stream is generated by a digital appliance coupled to the host computer.

29.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 28, wherein the digital appliance generates the input digital data stream having an embedded digital image and an embedded edit list associated with the digital image, wherein the embedded edit list includes digital image processing instructions suitable for modification of the digital image.

30.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 29, wherein the input controller retrieves the embedded digital image and the associated edit list from the input digital data stream, processes the digital image based upon the retrieved digital image processing instructions, identifies and stores the processed image.

31.   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 30, wherein a client computer coupled to the host computer retrieves the identified processed image.

32.   (previously presented) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 28, wherein the digital appliance generates the input digital data stream having an embedded digital image and an associated embedded edit list pointer, wherein the embedded edit list pointer identifies an embedded edit list location of the embedded edit list that includes digital image processing instructions suitable for modification of the embedded digital image.

33   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 32, wherein the input controller retrieves the embedded digital image and the associated edit list based upon the embedded edit list pointer, processes the digital image based upon the retrieved digital image processing instructions, identifies, and stores the processed image.

34.   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 33, wherein a client computer coupled to the host computer retrieves the identified processed image.

35.   (Original) A digital image processing system as recited in claim 28, wherein the digital appliance is selected from a group comprising: a digital camera, a digital camcorder, a digital television, a digital photo scanner, photo-enabled set-top box, a photo enabled game machine, and a photo enabled internet device.